

CHESHIRE ENERGY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, February 24, 2020

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by Chairman Ogurick.

II. DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

Commissioners Present

Richard Ogurick

David Gavin

Walter Gayeski

Don Nidoh

Daniel Knudsen

Commissioners Absent

Paul Michalowski

Timothy White

Staff Present

Richard Clavet

Walter Gancarz

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All present pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. January 27, 2020 – Regular Meeting

MOTION by Don Nidoh to accept the minutes with corrections.

SECOND by David Gavin and opened for discussion.

VOTE The motion was passed unanimously.

~~VI. A. 1. ...very well, The cogeneration unit reduced electricity usage by approximately 53%. Gas usage is down also.~~

~~VI. A. 6....They sound particularly interested with the heat recovery possibilities from two of the main boilers.~~

~~VI. B. 1. ...David Gavin reported that Eversource offers a program for municipalities to control cost.....Some of the meters are not reporting.~~

V. COMMUNICATIONS

Nothing new.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. Energy Efficiency Projects

1. Community pool – CHP update

The town engineer reported that it was cycling on and off more frequently than normal so new set points were made. Richard Ogurick inquired about the maintenance schedule. The town engineer said he would research the schedule. David Gavin advised 100 % air exchange per hour.

2. Bus Depot – energy efficiency of new trailer and equipment

The facilities manager advised cut sheet showed fluorescent, he requested LED. He also requested that the air conditioning have back net capability so it might be controlled by the building automation system. The trailer is due by April break. The trailer belongs to DATCO, they will control what is delivered. It will be elevated with an insulated skirt to keep water pipes from freezing.

3. Dodd & Highland Schools – status of the JK Energy Solutions energy analyses

JK gave proposals that would take no longer than one year pay back. It was requested of JK Energy Solutions that they add the other schools to the proposal.

4. Highland School – status of “Government Freezer” project

Rough opening is done. The freezer is due the week after next.

5. MaClary Athletic Complex – RFP for LED lighting

JK Energy Solutions has been asked to submit a proposal for the lighting plan. Richard Ogurick requested attention be paid to the color of the light as it pertains to visibility of players and their jersey color.

6. Cheshire High School – potential CHP project

No word back from Aegis. Richard Ogurick asked that the facilities manager get closure on this matter.

B. Benchmarking

1. Energy Star Portfolio Manager – status of UCONN database update

Norton, Doolittle, Chapman and Darcey are all four star buildings. David Gavin reported that Professor Thompson’s team was still working.

C. Publicity/Education/Outreach

1. News articles and letters to the editor

89.5 FM WPKN will be interviewing Dan Knudsen regarding CCAs tonight.

2. Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) – status of resolution/legislative recommendation

CCA was not approved by the Legislature but Needleman is putting forward a bill to study CCAs. AARP complained that a switch would happen without consumer approval akin to third party slamming. Katy Dikes, DEEP commissioner proposed that CCAs could do outreach, demand dispatch and negotiate with the utility. She has also committed to carbon zero grid by 2040.

D. Clean Energy

1. Greenskies 100 kW solar carport at Cheshire Police Station – monitoring capability

The carport is operating well. There is a website available for the monitoring system of the carport.

2. Net Zero Energy Schools workshop – 2/1/20

While attended by approximately 30 municipalities Richard Ogurick felt there were not a lot of specifics presented to get schools to net zero energy.

E. PBC Projects

Wednesday, February 26 is the next meeting. A few Capitol budget approvals are: boiler replacements at Highland and Doolittle Schools, Legacy controls and eliminating pneumatics in favor of direct digital control.

F. Grants, Rebates, & Utility Programs

1. Early involvement of Eversource in all town building projects

Nothing new

G. Energy Reliability Program – update on tree trimming

Tree trimming continues.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. School Modernization Committee - options to upgrade all of the schools in town

There is an RFP out. Interviews will commence soon. No one from the committee attended the Net Zero Energy Schools workshop.

B. New \$75.00 HES CO-PAY Is Now Fuel Blind

Home Energy Solution co pay is at \$75 and any fuel type is accepted into the program.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by David Gavin at 8:15 p.m.

SECOND by Daniel Knudsen.

VOTE The motion was passed unanimously 5-0.

ATTEST


Michelle Anastasio